

Milton Police Department

*Monthly Report
To
Mayor & Town Council*



“Pride & Integrity”

July 21 – August 20, 2009

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MILTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRIDE



INTEGRITY

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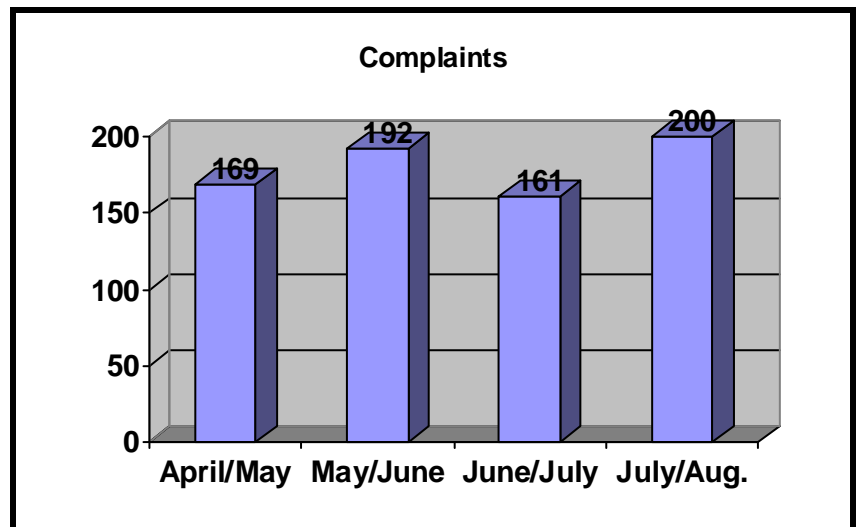
The Honorable Don Post, Mayor
Members of Milton Town Council
Town Hall
Milton, DE 19968

Mayor Post and Council Members:

The following is the report on Police Department activities from July 21 – August 20, 2009.

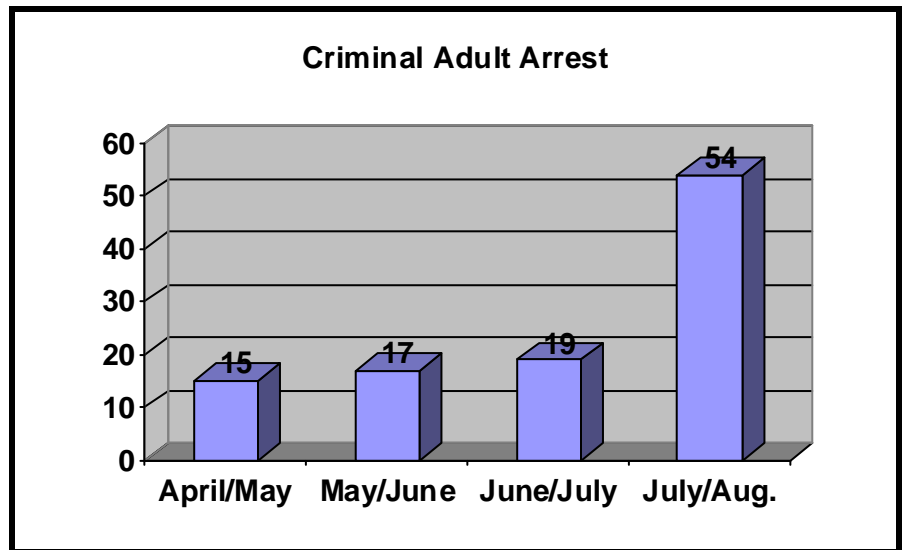
Complaints

Total complaints received
from **July 21 – August 20,**
2009 numbered 200.



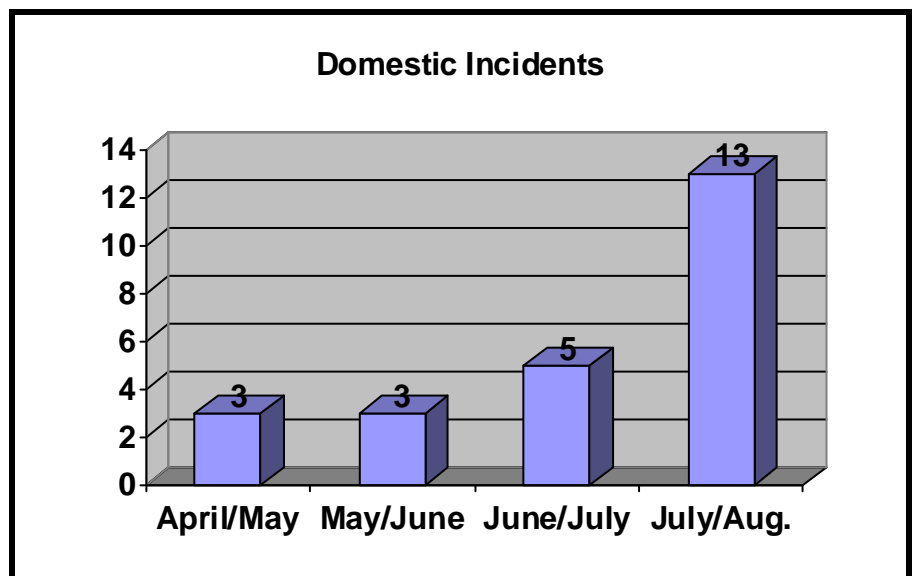
Criminal Arrests

Total criminal arrests from
July 21 – August 20,
2009 numbered 54.



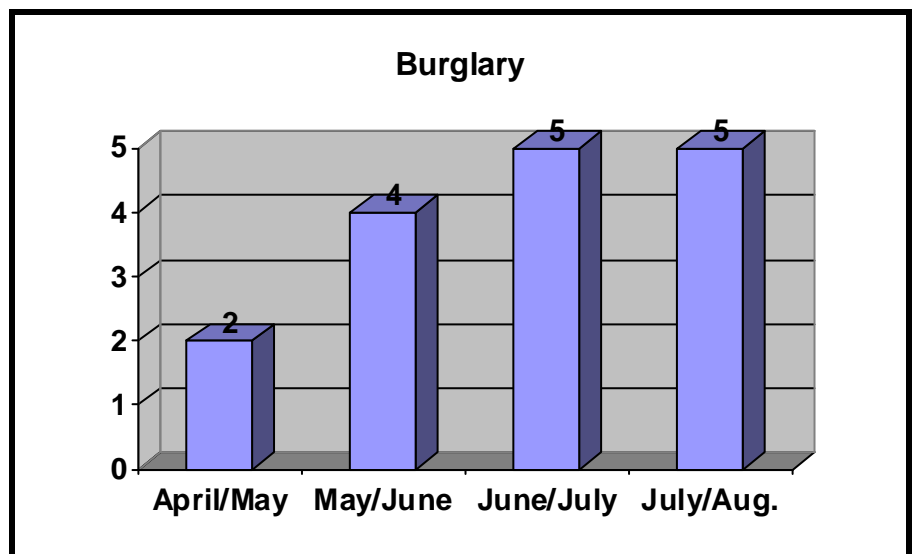
Domestic Incidents

Total domestic incidents from
July 21 – August 20, 2009
numbered 13.



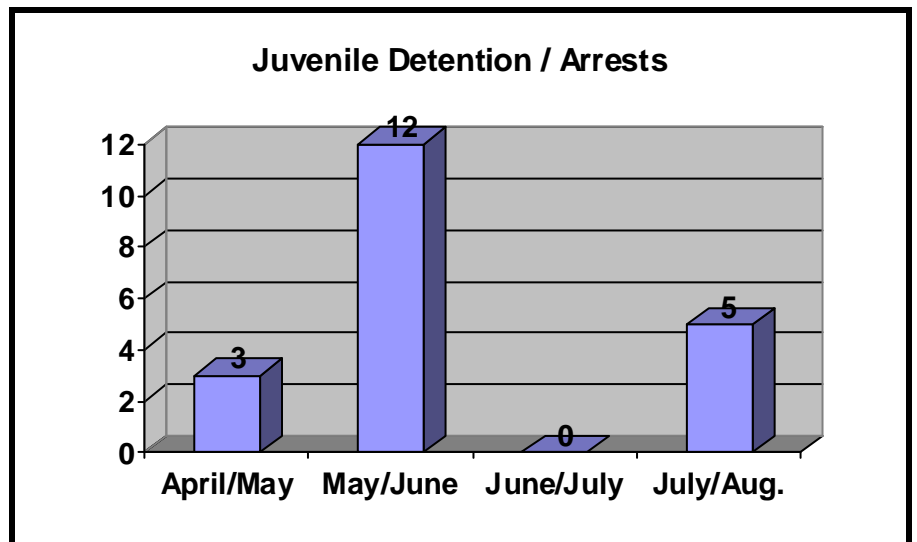
Burglary

Total Burglaries from
July 21 – August 20, 2009
numbered 5.



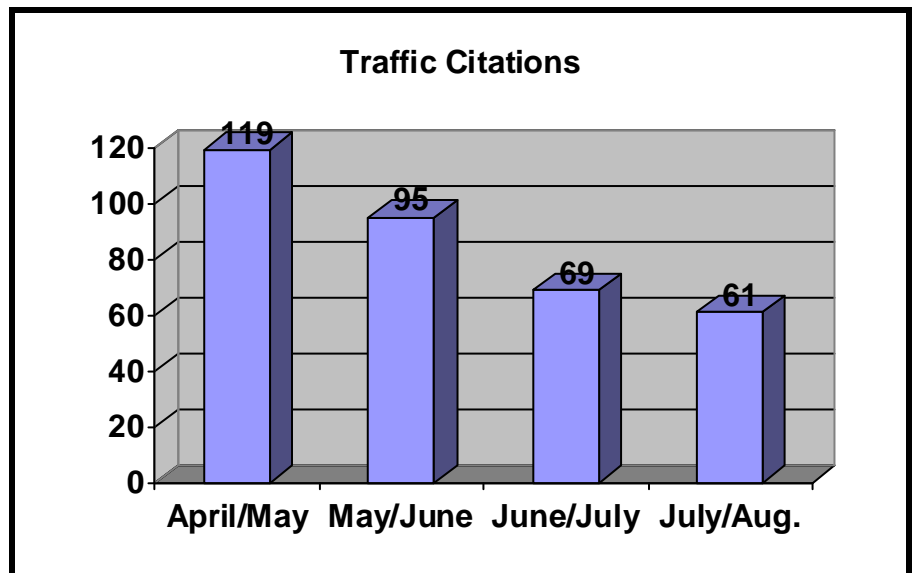
Juvenile Detention / Arrest

Total juvenile detention / criminal arrests from **July 21 – August 20, 2009** numbered 5.



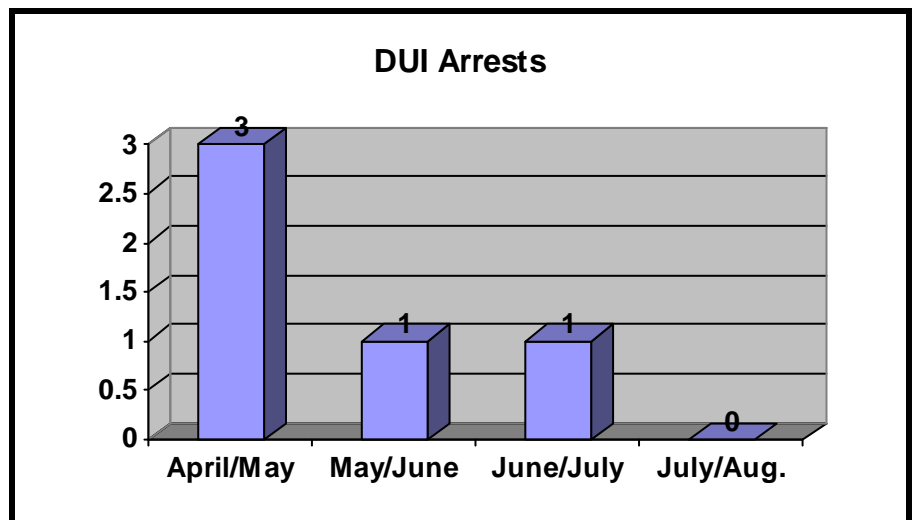
Traffic Citations

The department issued 61 traffic citations from **July 21 – August 20, 2009**.



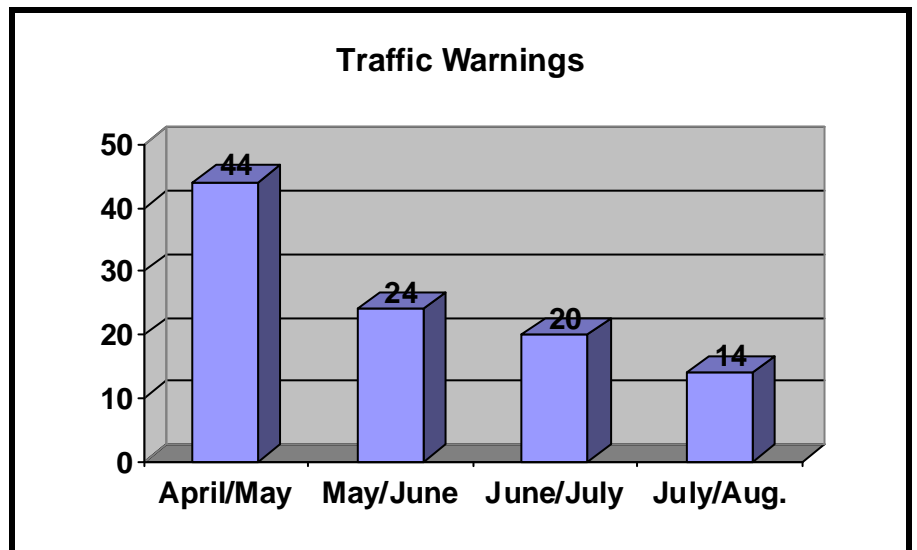
DUI Arrests

The department made 0 DUI arrest(s) from **July 21 – August 20, 2009**.



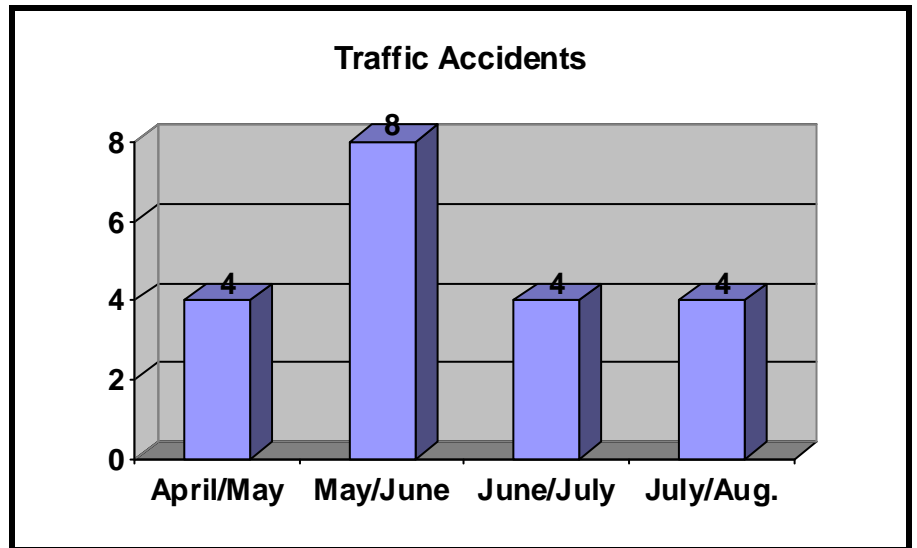
Traffic Warnings

The department issued 14 traffic warnings from **July 21 – August 20, 2009**.



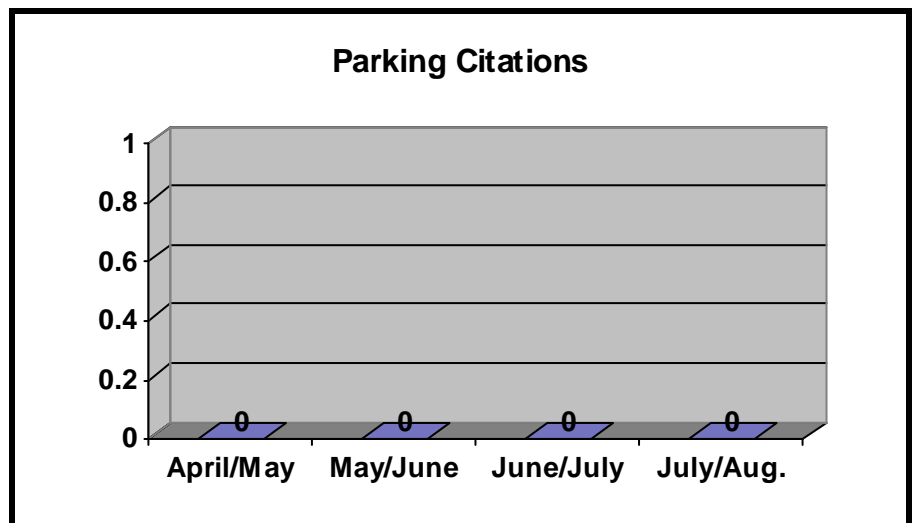
Traffic Accidents

From **July 21 – August 20, 2009** police investigated 4 traffic accidents.



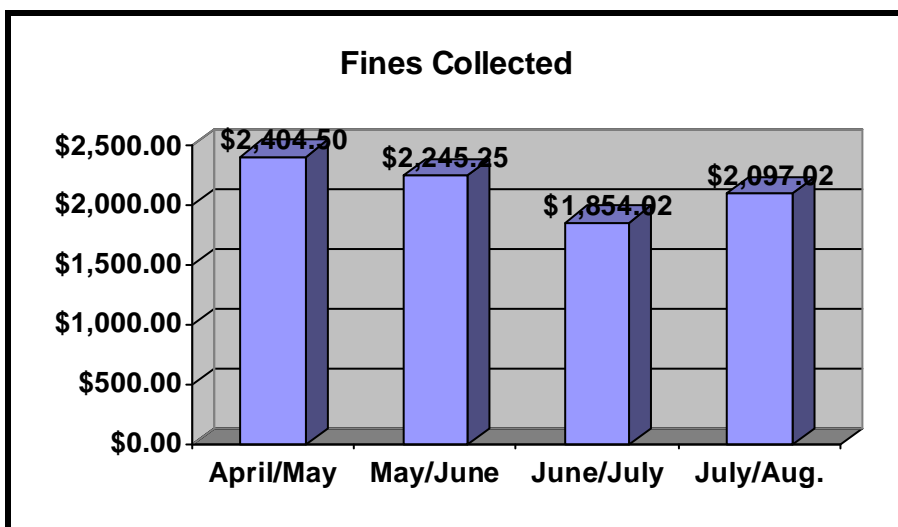
Parking Citations

The department issued 0 parking citations from **July 21 – August 20, 2009**.



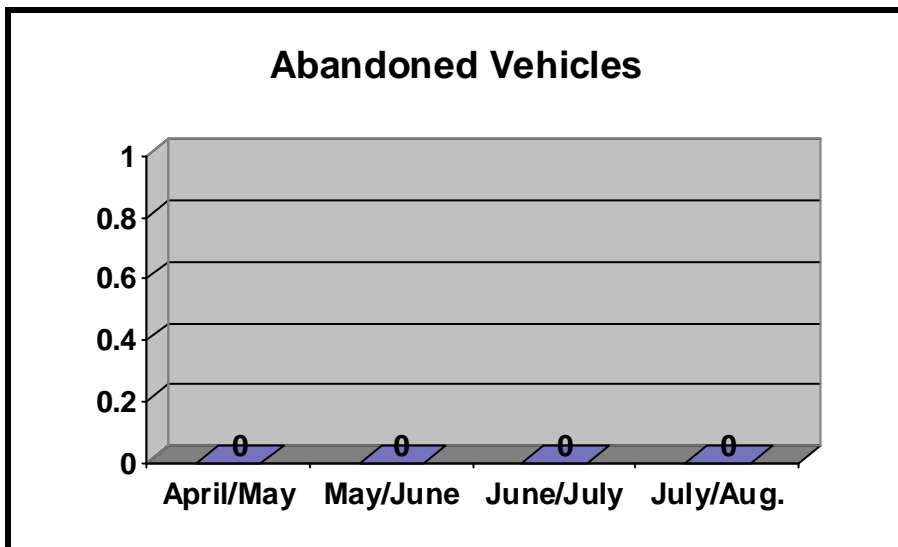
Fines Collected

From **July 21 – August 20, 2009** police have received \$2,097.02 in fines.



Abandoned Vehicles

From **July 21 – August 20, 2009** police have issued 0 abandoned vehicle notices.



The Milton Police Department is striving to better meet the needs of our community and would like to hear from its residents. Please take a moment and send us your questions, concerns, comments and ideas. Milton Police Department, 101 Federal Street, Milton, DE 19968 302-684-8547 or visit our new website www.ci.milton.de.us and click on the link to the police department and send an email. Please check out the Town's website and click on the link to the Police Department and click on the link to view local sex offenders within the state of Delaware.

News Releases

On July 22, 2009, Milton Police arrested Mark I. Roberts (43) of Milford for Offensive Touching and on July 24, 2009 arrested Elizabeth J. Smith (42) of Milton for Assault Third Degree.

On July 22, 2009, Milton Police responded to a domestic complaint and learned Roberts struck Smith in the face after an argument escalated. Roberts was gone when Milton Police arrived, but was located and arrested later that day. After investigation, Milton Police later obtained warrants for

Smith after learning Smith struck Roberts in the lip causing minor injuries. Roberts was arraigned and released on \$250.00 unsecured bond. Smith was arraigned and also released on unsecured bond.

On July 27, 2009, Milton Police arrested Erin M. Chorman (26) of Milton for Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Offensive Touching. On August 2, 2009, Milton Police arrested Jason R. Marckese (28) for Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On July 27, 2009, Milton Police responded to a domestic complaint and learned Chorman struck the victim in the face. As Milton Police were on scene investigating the domestic incident, police located a small amount of marijuana and a device used to smoke marijuana. Chorman was arrested, arraigned, and released on \$1,500.00 unsecured bond. Marckese was later arrested/ arraigned on August 2, 2009 and released on \$1,000.00 unsecured bond.

On July 29, 2009, Milton Police arrested Brian M. Kugelman (32) of Milton for Theft.

On July 19, 2009, Milton Police were called to a theft of prescription medicine complaint. Milton Police conducted an investigation and later obtained an arrest warrant for Kugelman.

Kugelman was arraigned and released on \$500.00 unsecured bond.

On July 29, 2009, Milton Police arrested William L. Mitchell (30) of Milford for Failure to Register Employment as a Sex Offender. Mitchell also had an active capias out of the Sussex County Court of Common Pleas.

Milton Police conducted an investigation and learned that Mitchell was a registered sex offender. Further investigation revealed that Mitchell's registered place of employment was not correct.

Mitchell was arraigned and released on \$1,000.00 unsecured bond.

On July 30, 2009, Milton Police arrested Lavar R. Freeman (27) of New Castle for Leaving the Scene of an Accident, Inattentive Driving, Failure to Provide Information at the Scene of an Accident, and Failure to Report a Collision.

On May 21, 2009, Milton Police were contacted regarding a complaint of a hit and run vehicle crash. The victim was able to obtain the vehicle registration of the suspect vehicle and a description of the driver of the suspect vehicle.

Milton Police later obtained arrest warrants for Freeman, who was located on July 30, 2009 by the Delaware State Police and turned over to Milton Police. Freeman was arraigned and released on unsecured bond.

On July 31, 2009, Milton Police arrested Ines M. Pabon (32) of Milton and Julia M. Pabon (28) of Milton both for Assault 3rd degree, 4 counts of Endangering the Welfare of a Child, and Disorderly Conduct.

On July 31, 2009, Milton Police responded to the Milton Quick Stop for a fight in progress complaint. Police arrived on scene and learned Ines Pabon and Julia Pabon were involved in a fight with each other in the parking lot of the Milton Quick Stop with four children present.

Ines Pabon was arraigned and released on \$1,000.00 unsecured bond. Julia Pabon was arraigned and released on \$1,400.00 bond.

On August 5, 2009, Milton Police arrested Arthur Settle (45) of Milton for Disorderly Conduct and Public Intoxication.

On August 5, 2009, Milton Police were dispatched to the Milton Fire Department for a report of a person harassing citizens in front of the Milton Fire Department. Police made contact with Settle who was heavily intoxicated and police learned Settle was the person harassing the citizens.

Settle was arraigned and committed to SCI prison in default of \$501.00 secured bond.

On August 10, 2009, Milton Police arrested a 14 year old male for Attempted Rape 2nd degree, Unlawful Sexual Contact 2nd degree, and for two active capias' out of the Sussex County Family Court.

Milton Police started the investigation after learning that a 12 year old victim disclosed an incident of sexual abuse during an interview by another agency in Delaware. Milton Police learned the suspect used force and attempted to rape the 12 year old victim approximately one year ago in Milton.

The 14 year old suspect was arraigned at the Justice of the Peace Court 2 and committed to the Stevenson House in Milford in default of \$11,500.00 secured bond.

On August 12, 2009, Milton Police arrested Joseph M. Parker (42) of Milton for 14 counts of Rape 1st degree, one count of Rape 2nd degree, Continuous Sexual Abuse of a Child, 5 counts of Unlawful Sexual Contact 1st degree, and Felony Endangering the Welfare of a Child.

On August 11, 2009, Milton Police began an investigation after learning a 13 year old child disclosed that they were sexually abused by Joseph Parker. Milton Police learned that the abuse has been ongoing for the past 3 years.

Parker was video-arraigned at the Justice of the Peace Court 2 and committed to Sussex County Correction Institute in default of \$776,000.00 cash bond.

On August 13, 2009, Milton Police arrested Tanja L. Parker (43) of Milton for Felony Endangering the Welfare of a Child.

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Parker was arraigned and released on \$1,000.00 unsecured bond.

On August 19, 2009, Milton Police arrested Joseph D. Sehn (23) of Milton for Burglary 2nd degree, Theft, and Criminal Mischief.

On August 18, 2009, Milton Police were dispatched a complaint of a burglary to a residence. During the burglary investigation, Sehn made contact with a Milton Officer and later confessed that he committed a burglary at the residence.

Sehn was arraigned and released on \$1,750.00 unsecured bond.

On August 21, 2009, Milton Police arrested Clifford W. Bowman (21) of Greenwood for Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Driving Without a Seatbelt.

A Milton Officer stopped Bowman's vehicle after observing Bowman not wearing a seatbelt. Further investigation revealed that Bowman was in possession of 2.4 grams of marijuana and a device used to smoke marijuana.

Bowman was arraigned and released on \$750.00 unsecured bond.

Local Fugitive Arrests

July

On July 24, 2009, Milton Police arrested Clifford D. Hovington (32) of Milton after learning Hovington had an active capias out of the Sussex County Court of Common Pleas. Milton Police made contact with Hovington on an unrelated complaint. Hovington was arraigned and released on \$134.00 unsecured bond.

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On July 28, 2009, Milton Police arrested Arthur J. Binn (60) of Wilmington after learning Binn had two active capias' out of Family Court. Police made contact with Binn on a non-criminal matter and learned of the capias'.

Binn was arraigned and committed to SCI prison in default of \$392.00 secured bond.

(75-09-001150)

Aug

On August 15, 2009, Milton Police arrested Jeffrey J. Howell after learning Howell had an active capias for his arrest. Police came in contact with Howell after being dispatched to a residence for a subject refusing to leave the residence. Howell was arraigned and committed to SCI prison in default of \$347.00.

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DUI Arrests

July

N/A

Aug

N/A



Office of Highway Safety (OHS)

July 31, 2009

Delaware Seat Belt Use Declines – Mobilization to Increase Seat Belt Law Compliance Starts Saturday

Dover – Delaware Office of Highway Safety officials usually enjoy announcing a decrease in traffic related statistic . . . but not this time. For the first time in more than a decade, Delaware's statewide seat belt use rate has declined. Results from observational seat belt surveys conducted in June have revealed that the state's 2009 statewide usage rate is 88%. This is a decrease from the 2008 statewide seat belt use rate of 91%.

“We are extremely disappointed in this decrease in the stat's seat belt use rate particularly since we, public safety and corporate communities, have worked so hard each year to keep increasing our usage rate,” said Jana Simpler, Occupant Protection Coordinator for the Delaware

Office of Highway Safety. “Higher seat belt use rates generally translate into more lives saved and that is always our ultimate goal.”

Sadly, the overall decrease in seat belt use is also being reflected in this year’s fatal crash statistics. Since January 1st of this year, of the 49 drivers and passengers killed in Delaware motor vehicle crashes 32 (or 65%) of them were not wearing seat belts. Comparatively, at this time in 2008, 22 (or 48%) of the then 46 drivers and passengers killed were not wearing seat belts.

To address the decline in seat belt use, the Office of Highway safety is coordinating an August through November, Bridgeville Police, Harrington Police, Laurel Police, Milford Police, Millsboro Police, Ocean View Police, and Seaford Police will conduct traffic safety patrols looking for unbuckled drivers and passengers.

New Castle County Police will conduct both checkpoints and patrols in an effort to increase compliance with Delaware’s seat belt laws. Seat belt usage declined by 4% each in New Castle and Sussex Counties, while the usage rate actually increased by 1% in Kent County. Agencies including the Delaware State Police as well as some municipal agencies in each county will continue conducting enforcement of occupant protection laws as part of an existing year long grant they have with the Office of Highway Safety, but are not being counted as participants in the stepped up mobilization.

“This is not another Click It or Ticket campaign,” said Andrea Summers, Community Relations Officer for OHS. “Click It or Ticket is a specific month-long initiative that is conducted nationwide in May. It’s designed to be a short term effort. This special mobilization involves sustained seat belt enforcement over a longer period of time and will take us into the holiday season.”

Enforcement activities will take place during all days of the week and at least half of each agency’s efforts will occur at night. Seat belt use is often 10% lower at night than in the day even though a person’s chances of being killed in a crash at night triples. In fact, more than half of the people killed in night time crashes from 2003-2007 in the First State were wearing seat belts.

The enforcement plan is being supported by a public awareness component beginning in mid – August to include radio advertising, billboards, print ads in the community newspapers and messages on gas pump toppers.

Delaware law requires drivers and *all* passengers, including those in the back seat, to wear a seat belt. An officer can pull over a driver if he sees any person not wearing one. Officers will be issuing citations for seat belt violations as part of a zero tolerance policy. The court administrative fees, which can eventually total more than \$70.00.

Lack of seat belt use is a serious public health concern. Wearing a seat belt can improve your chance of surviving a crash, or escaping serious injury by up to 50%. In 2008, as many as 20 lives could have been saved had the victims in Delaware crashes worn a seat belt.

For weekly updates on OHS’s seat belt mobilization results please visit the Newsroom on the OHS website at www.ohs.delaware.gov. While there, bookmark the site in your RSS Reader. You can also follow OH updates on our activities on Twitter at www.twitter.com/DEHighwaySafe.

August 10, 2009

OHS Highlighting Tragic DE City Crash in Move Over Law Awareness Efforts Starting Today

Dover – “Last year, Delaware City Firefighter & EMT Michelle Smith arrived at the scene of a motorcycle crash. As she helped her crew provide roadside aide to the victim, a speeding car plowed into them, killing her. Smith was a devoted mother and community servant, and her tragic death could have been avoided.” Those are the opening lines of a radio ad that the Delaware Office of Highway Safety (OHS) hopes will drive home to the public, the importance of following the Stat’s Move Over law.

The Move Over Law states that when a driver sees an emergency vehicle stopped along the road, he or she is required to **move over** into the next lane *or* **slow down** while passing if a lane’s not available. The law includes vehicles belonging to law enforcement officers, EMS personnel, ambulances, firefighters, fire police, park rangers and was just upgraded this year to include Department of Transportation personnel. Violators may be fined \$25.00 plus court costs.

“Many people are still unaware that this law exists in Delaware,” said Tracia Roberts, Director of the Office of Highway Safety. “We hope that highlighting the tragic death of Michelle Smith will capture the public’s attention and show them how important this particular law is. We are very grateful to Michelle’s family for their willingness to let us use Michelle’s crash as a heart breaking example of how dangerous it can be when drivers don’t move over as they are required to do.”

Radio ads will run statewide for the next two weeks through August 17 on WSTW WJBR, WDSD, Eagle 97, Froggy 99 and WZBH. In addition, OHS is displaying a Move Over Law visual on the back of transit buses beginning August 10th.

August 10, 2009

47 Cited for Seat Belt Violations During First Week of Mobilization to Get Delawareans Buckled Up ***Public awareness efforts begin this week***

Dover – Buckle Up Day & Night! That’s the message many will start seeing this week on billboards and in print ads that are aimed at encouraging more Delawareans to wear their seat belts. The awareness efforts follow the first week of statewide seat belt enforcement in which officers issued 47 citations for violations of Delaware’s seat belt law.

It’s all part of a four-month long safety initiative focused on saving lives by increasing seat belt use in the First State. The enforcement and awareness mobilization is being coordinated by the Delaware Office of Highway Safety. A plan was created after results from observational seat belt surveys conducted in June revealed that the state’s 2009 statewide use rate declined from 91% last year to 88% this year. Adding to safety officials’ concerns is the fact that an overwhelming 65% of drivers and passengers killed since January 1st, have not been buckled up.

As part of the mobilization, which launched August 1st, eight county and municipal police agencies will conduct either traffic safety patrols and/or checkpoints looking for unbuckled drivers and passengers. The sustained enforcement effort will continue through the end of November, purposely including the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

In addition to the 47 seat belt citations issued last week, officers cited 4 drivers for failing to properly restrain the children with them, cited 13 for speeding violations and cited another 67 for other traffic violations. Drivers who don't wear seat belts are also more likely to exhibit other risky behaviors like driving aggressively or while impaired by drugs and/or alcohol.

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August 18, 2009

75 More Cited for Seat Belt Violations During Seat Belt Mobilization

Dover – In the first two weeks of a statewide enforcement and awareness mobilization aimed at encouraging more Delawareans to buckle up, officers have issued 122 citations for seat belt violations. Seventy-five (75) of them came during the second week of enforcement (August 10 – 16) and is nearly double the number of citations for violations of Delaware's seatbelt law than were issued during the first week.

In addition to the 75 seat belt citations issued last week, officers cited 9 for speeding violations, arrested 1 for DUI and cited another 29 for other traffic violations. Drivers who don't wear seat belts are also more likely to exhibit other risky behaviors like driving aggressively or while impaired by drugs and/or alcohol.

The enforcement and awareness mobilization is part of a four-month long safety initiative focused on saving lives by increasing seat belt use in the First State. A plan was created after results from observational seat belt surveys conducted by the Officer of Highway Safety in June revealed that the state's 2009 statewide use rate declined from 91% last year to 88% this year. Additionally, 66% of drivers and passengers killed since January 1st of this year have not been buckled up.

As part of the mobilization eight county and municipal police agencies are conducting either traffic safety patrols and/or checkpoints, both day and night, looking for unbuckled drivers and passengers. The sustained enforcement effort will continue through the end of November, purposely including the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

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STOP SPEED/AGGRESSIVE DRIVING

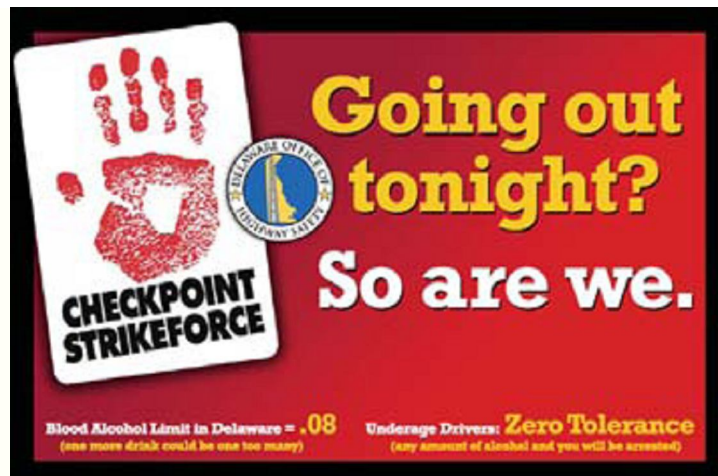
Speed and Aggressive Driving Fact Sheet

- Speeding was listed as a primary contributing factor in 20 (or 19%) of the 106 fatal crashes that occurred in Delaware in 2008.
- As of 6/23/09 speed was listed as a primary contributing factor in 11 (or 28%) of the 40 fatal crashes occurring to date in Delaware. That is 10% higher when compared to the same time last year, and also higher than the percentage of DUI-related fatal crash involvement.
- Aggressive Driving behaviors as a whole (includes speeding, tailgating, red light running, unsafe lane changes, fail to yield the right of way) were responsible for 51% of all fatal crashes in 2008.
- A 2009 Public Opinion Poll by AAA shows that 78% of the public believes aggressive driving is their number one traffic safety concern, surpassing drunk driving (76%).
- In Delaware, 66% of those killed in speed driving related crashes are males, with 54% of them ranging in age between the ages of 15 – 27.

- Most of Delaware’s speed related fatal and injury crashes occur in the afternoons and evenings on secondary roads instead of on interstates as many likely believe.
- Nationally, nearly 13,500 people died in speed-related crashes in 2006.
- According to the *Transportation Research Record*, a 1 percent decrease in travel speed reduces injury crashes by about 2 percent, serious injury crashes by about 3 percent and fatal crashes by about 4 percent.
- Tips from the AAA Gas Watcher’s Guide
 - Slow down. The faster a vehicle travels, the more fuel it burns.
 - Avoid quick starts and sudden stops. This wastes fuel, is harder on vehicle components and increases the odds of a traffic crash.
 - Maintain steady speeds for the best fuel economy. A car uses extra fuel when it accelerates.
 - Minimize the need to brake by anticipating traffic conditions. Be alert for slowdowns and red lights ahead of you, and decelerate by coasting whenever possible.
 - Travel at moderate speeds on the open road. Higher speeds require more fuel to overcome air resistance. Remember, however, speeds slower than the flow of traffic can create a traffic hazard.
 - Use the air conditioner conservatively. Most air conditioners have an “economy” or “recirculation” setting that reduces the amount of hot outside air that must be chilled. Both settings can reduce the air-conditioning load — and save gas.

Weekly totals for the week of: August 10 - August 16

Activity	Weekly Totals	Campaign Totals
Speeding	446	2,536
Aggressive Driving	3	22
Drug Arrests	0	5
DUI	0	3
Wanted Persons Apprehended	0	4
Other Criminal Arrests	0	24
Other Traffic Violations	129	849



Checkpoint Strikeforce is a six month long multi-state crackdown on impaired drivers. The goal of this regional sobriety checkpoint campaign, now in its 8th year, is to deter people from driving while under the influence of alcohol, and arrest DUI offenders on Delaware roadways. The campaign which runs through New Year's Eve involves setting up weekly DUI checkpoints statewide. During peak holiday times such as Labor Day, Halloween, and the month of December. The number of checkpoints will be increased and DUI patrols will be added. Officers participating in the 2008 campaign made 559 DUI arrests.

The states of Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia make up Region III of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and are committed to preventing impaired driving no matter where motorists travel in our multi-state area. To learn more about Checkpoint Strikeforce in Delaware...check the press release section of this webpage for the kickoff press release.

**** Running Totals for July 3rd through 12/31/2009.**

*** Weekly Totals for Weekend of August 14th & 15th**

Checkpoint Activity	* Weekly Totals	** Running Totals	2008 Totals
# of checkpoints conducted	3	28	103
DUI Arrests	19	132	559
Child Restraint Arrests	0	24	67
Other Traffic Arrests	43	404	1,987
Wanted Person Apprehensions	6	45	169
Stolen Vehicles Recovered	0	3	9
Drug Arrests	16	59	218
Seat Belt Arrests	10	70	249
Underage Arrests	8	18	93
Felony Arrests	20	60	168

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COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICE DEPARTMENT DEDICATED TO IMPROVING THE**

**QUAILTY OF LIFE FOR RESIDENTS OF THE TOWN OF MILTON WHILE
ENFORCEING THE LAWS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE.**